Remarks

The amendments are believed to clearly obviate the 35 U.S.C. 112(2) objections since the claims are consistent with the description of FIG. 4 (pages 5 and 6 of the specification). The amendments cancel without prejudice Claims 1, 13 and 21, combine Claims 4, 8, and 23 so that such claims now presented are allowable as set forth in paragraph 16 of the Action, and other claims are dependent on one of the allowable base Claims.

Since the wording which prompted the drawing objections are not in the claims, no drawing amendments are needed.

A legible copy of Item 41 listed under Other Prior Art-Non Patent Literature Documents on the submitted Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed in response to the first paragraph on page 3 of the Action to satisfy 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). Another copy of the IDS listing Item 41 is enclosed. If any additional fees are required for Examiner consideration of Item 41, please charge deposit account 50-1101.

An early Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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